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AFTER  
DATSUKE AND  
NANA TASTED THE  
SKY EKIBEN,  
THEY HEADED  
OUT TO  
MUROKOMACHI  
STATION  
IN SEARCH  
OF THEIR  
NEXT EKIBEN.





CHITOSE  
LOCAL LINE  
ARRIVING AT  
NAGASAKI  
STATION  
AT 9:58







\*NOTABLE: POPULAR SNACK MADE AND SOLD IN KYOTO.





DATSUME,  
THIS TRAIN'S  
LOGO IS  
A HORSE!

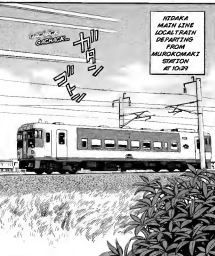


MODEL  
KTR140  
DIESEL  
TRAIN

THAT'S  
OUR  
TRAIN!



YEAH,  
HIDAKA MAIN  
LINE'S LOGO IS  
DESIGNED WITH  
A THOROUGHbred  
AND THE HIDAKA  
MOUNTAIN RANGE.



HIDAKA  
MAIN LINE  
LOCAL TRAIN  
DEPARTING  
FROM  
MUROMACHI  
STATION  
AT 10:29

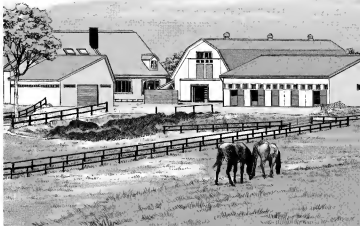


WHEW?  
THOROUGH-  
BREDS!

YOU'LL  
SEE.



UNIVERSITY OF JAPANESE NATIONAL RAILROAD.  
CURRENTLY NATIONAL RAILROAD IS CALLED JR (JAPANESE RAILROADS).







THE PACIFIC OCEAN!  
IT'S  
BEAUTIFUL!



I  
WANNA  
SHOW YOU  
SOMETHING

HE  
HE...



WHAT?  
THE LAST  
CAR'S  
WINDOW?

OVER  
HERE.



ALIVE!

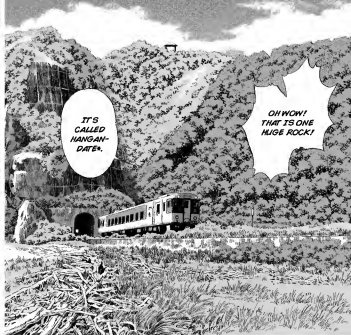
HEY NANA,  
COME OVER  
HERE FOR  
A SEC.



...AND  
AFTER THIS  
TUNNEL.

OH!  
A TUNNEL!

WHAT?



\*HANGANDATE MEANS THE MANSION OF NANGAN.



\*MINAMOTONO YOSHITSUNE'S ACTUAL NAME WAS GENKURO "NANGAN" YOSHITUNE.  
HE WAS A SAMURAI MASTER FROM 12TH CENTURY. MANY STORIES HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT HIM.





LET'S  
GET OFF HERE  
AND GO LOOK  
AT THE HORSES.





SHIZUKA GOZEN: YOSASTUNE'S WIFE



RUSTLE  
RUSTLE



MUROKOMAKI  
SECTION  
(MARU YENDOR)

**SALMON  
SUSHI**  
700 YEN

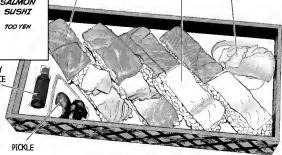
SMOKED  
SALMON

SMOKED  
BLACK COD

GINGER

SOY  
SAUCE

PICKLE



MUROKOMAKI  
SECTION  
(MARU YENDOR)

**EKIBEN  
OF THE  
NORTH**  
1000 YEN

LOTUS ROOT

STEAMED  
SEA URCHIN

SHREDDED EGG  
OMELETTE

SCALLOP

SWEET  
CORN

HERRING

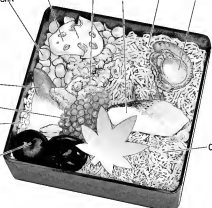
HOKKI CLAM

SALMON  
EGGS

WHITE RICE

SHIITAKE  
MUSHROOM

CRAB







IN THAT  
PROCESS  
SOME PARTS  
GET  
OVERLAPPED.



SINCE SALMON  
FILLET IS NOT  
RECTANGULAR,  
THEY ADD  
LITTLE PIECES TO  
MAKE A  
RECTANGLE.



THEN THEY  
PUT A  
WEIGHT ON  
TOP TO  
PACK THE  
INGREDIENTS



...PLACE A  
WOODEN  
FRAME OVER  
THEM.  
THEN ADD RICE  
MARINATED  
WITH VINEGAR...



THEY  
PLACE THE  
SALMON AND  
BLACK COD.  
THEN  
THEY PUT  
IN THE  
WASABI...



THEY ARE  
PLACED  
IN THE  
CONTAINER  
ONE BY  
ONE...

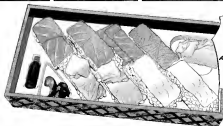


...AND  
THEY ARE  
CUT INTO  
PIECES.



DRESSED  
WITH  
SAUCE...

THEN  
THEY ARE  
FLIPPED



AND  
YTOHA!  
THEY  
ARE DONE!







CHAPTER 51:  
SHIZUNAI STATION

HIDAKA TSUBUMESHI BENTO



AFTER EATING  
THE BENTO AT  
HANGANBETSU,  
DATSUKE AND NANA  
HEADED TOWARDS  
ISHIKARI STATION ON  
THEIR WAY TO THE  
NEXT DESTINATION.







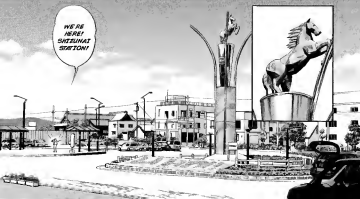


49 KILOMETERS = ABOUT 3 MILES





GET YOUR KNEES UP!

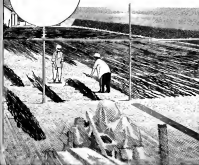








WOW,  
MILES AND  
MILES OF  
DRYING KONBU  
SEAWEED!



THIS IS  
HOW THEY  
MAKE  
KONBU  
SEAWEED!



THEY USUALLY  
GROW TO  
ABOUT 6 METERS  
LONG, 30 CENTI-  
METERS WIDE AND  
3 MILLIMETERS  
THICK.  
SOME OF THEM  
GROW  
AS LONG AS  
10 METERS!

OF THOSE  
TWO KINDS,  
MAKONBU  
CAN GROW  
TALL.



THOSE  
KONBU  
SEAWEED  
ARE SO  
LONG!



MAKONBU  
AND MITSUBISHI  
KONBU CAN BE  
COLLECTED  
AROUND HERE,  
KOSHAKA  
HOKKAIDO





YES  
MA'AM,  
I'LL START  
EATING  
THEM.



BY THE WAY,  
KONBU SEAWEEED  
IS LOW IN CALORIES  
AND THEY ARE  
EXCELLENT FOR  
LOSSING WEIGHT.



HOW?  
10 METERS  
LONG?



NOW WE'RE  
TRANSFERING  
TO THE JR  
HOKKAIDO  
BUS.

SAMANI  
STATION IS THE  
LAST STATION  
ON HEDAKA  
MAIN LINE.



HEDAKA  
MAIN LINE  
ARRIVING  
AT SAMANI  
STATION  
AT 18:05



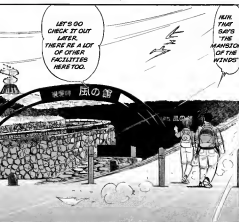
THIS IS THE  
N-25 BUS  
TOWARDS THE  
CAPE ERIMO.











THE GRADE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE IS DETERMINED BY THE SIZE OF THE LENS USED IN THE LIGHTHOUSE. THE FIRST GRADE LIGHTHOUSE HAS THE LARGEST LENS AND THE CITY GRADE HAS THE SMALLEST LENS.

THIS WAS  
ORIGINALLY  
BUILT IN 1889  
AS THE  
ONLY FIRST  
GRADE  
LIGHTHOUSE  
IN HOKKAIDO.

IT WAS  
REBUILT  
AFTER  
WORLD WAR II.

IT'S THE  
CAPE  
ERIMO  
LIGHT-  
HOUSE.

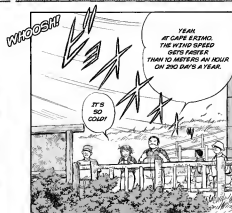
HEY THE  
LIGHTHOUSE!  
IT'S SO  
PRETTY!



THIS IS  
INCREDIBLE!

ONE



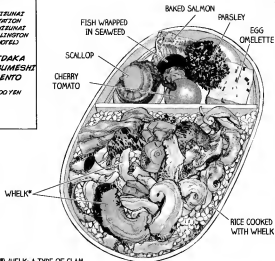






SHIZUKAI  
STATION  
CHIZUKAI  
WELLINGTON  
HOTEL

HIDAKA  
TSUBUMESHI  
BENTO  
900 YEN



\*WHELK: A TYPE OF CLAM







WELL, TOSHIKAZI (WHELK) ARE THE GENERAL TERM FOR THE EDIBLE SHELLFISH WITH A SPIRAL SHAPED SHELL. IN HOKKAIDO, THIS GENERALLY REFERS TO THE EBOBORA SPECIES OF SHELLFISH, SPECIFICALLY NINE EBOBORA SHELLFISH.



SO, WHAT KIND OF SHELLFISH ARE THESE WHELKS?



THE RICE COOKED WITH A LIGHT WHELK FLAVOR FEELS SO PLEASANT TO MY STOMACH.



THIS WHELK IS COOKED ON THE GRILL AND SERVED WITH SOY SAUCE. THEY ARE CALLED TOSHI-WAKI AND THEY ARE A POPULAR LOCAL CUISINE.

I SEE...



YEAH, I REALLY LOVE THE TEXTURE!

THE TEXTURE OF THESE WHELKS KEEPS ME EATING MORE!



OH, THIS EGG OMELETTE IS LIGHTLY FLAVORED TOO AND VERY REFRESHING! IT CLEARS MY PALETTE.



THIS SCALLOPS ARE SO SOFT AND EASY TO EAT. THEY ARE NOT TOO SALTY, AND I CAN SMELL A KINT OF THE OCEAN.



CHAPTER 52:  
OBITOROSHI STATION

HOT PORK RICE BOWL  
TONKACHI HARVEST BENTO



WINTERLAND, SIMILAR TO RED AND BREAKFAST, LOBBING FOR LEAD BY THE FATHER HOME.

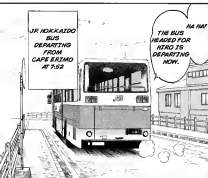


GOOD  
MORNING!

CAPE  
ERIMO  
BUS  
STOP



HOKKAIDO-BEN = HOKKAIDO DIALECT. A WORD "BEN" CAN MEAN MANY THINGS, ONE OF WHICH IS "DIALECT" ANOTHER IS SHORTEN TERM FOR BENTO (LUNCH BOX)





RIGHT! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FOOL ME.











BUZSAI NIKKO STATION







...MY  
ANSWER  
TO THAT  
IS...

EVEN NOW  
PEOPLE  
ARE DEBATING  
WHETHER TO  
SHUT DOWN ALL  
THE LOCAL LINES

\*RAILROAD MEMORIAL PARK.

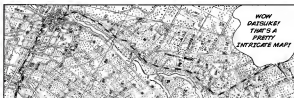


BECAUSE  
ONCE THE RAILROAD  
LINE IS SHUT DOWN,  
THEY WILL NEVER  
BE BACK AGAIN.

ABSOLUTELY  
NOT!



MY TOWN...  
NEED HAS BEEN  
SO QUIET EVER  
SINCE THE  
RAILROAD GOT  
SHUT DOWN.





HEY,  
MAYBE THE  
PATH COVERED  
IN GRAVEL  
IS THE  
ABANDONED  
TRACK!

AROUND  
HERE, THE  
RAILROAD  
SHOULD BE  
ON THE RIGHT  
SIDE OF THE  
NATIONAL  
HIGHWAY.



I GUESS  
THAT'LL MAKE  
YOU THE  
"LOOKING  
FOR THE  
ABANDONED  
RAILROAD  
TRACK FROM  
THE WINDOW  
OF THE BUS"  
PERSON.

HAH,  
I'VE HEARD  
THAT PEOPLE  
WERE INTO  
"WALKING  
ALONG WITH THE  
ABANDONED  
RAILROAD  
TRACK" BEFORE.



THE NEXT  
STOP IS  
"KOFURU."



I THINK  
WE'RE FAR  
FROM  
THE TRACKS  
AT THIS POINT.



WHERE??

HEY!  
I SEE THE  
RED TRAIN!





THEY CALLED  
IT KOFUKU\*  
WISHING  
EVERYONE  
TO HAVE A  
HAPPY LIFE.

DURING THE  
MEIJI PERIOD,  
PEOPLE FROM  
FUKUI PREFECTURE  
DEVELOPED  
THIS AREA.

YEAR.



I DIDN'T  
KNOW  
THERE  
WAS A  
STATION  
CALLED  
KOFUKU.

\*KOFUKU MEANS "HAPPINESS."



WHAT?



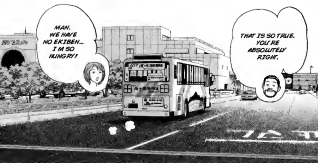
I SEE...  
THAT'S SUCH  
A BEAUTIFUL  
STORY, BUT WE  
ONLY HAVE A  
MEMORY OF IT  
LEFT SINCE THE  
RAILROAD IS  
SHUT DOWN.



\*ATSOKU MEANS "LAND OF LOVE."



ONCE THE RAILROAD IS  
SHUT DOWN, THEY WILL  
NEVER BE BACK AGAIN.









ORIENTAL BENTON  
(A JAPANESE BENTON)

# **TOKACHI HARVEST BENTO**

880 YEN

TERIYAKI  
CHICKEN

PORK

WHITE  
RICE

EGGPLANT  
TEMPURA

PUMPKIN  
TEMPURA

SWEET CORN

SHUMAI

LETTUCE

SALMON

EGG OMELETTE  
WITH SEAWEEED

CHERRY  
TOMATO

BOILED  
SHITAKE MUSHROOM

BOILED  
RADISH

BOILED  
CARROT

PICKLED  
RADISH

SEAWEED ROLL



YOU  
PULL THIS  
STRING THEN...



?

FOR  
MINE...



IT LOOKS  
LIKE THE  
INGREDI-  
ENTS  
ARE VERY  
WELL  
BALANCED

SO THIS  
BENTO IS  
FILLED WITH  
THE TOKACHI  
AREA'S  
DELICACIES.



WOW.  
IT'S LIKE A  
MICROWAVE!

THIS IS  
HOW THE  
BENTO  
IS WARMED  
UP.

IT'S NOT  
THE STEAM  
CAME OUT  
OF THE  
BOX!



PERFECT!



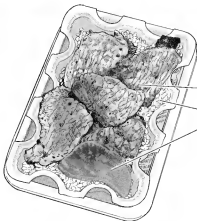
*ENTER*



GRAND STATION  
(KINSEN VENDOR)

**HOT PORK  
RICE BOWL**

1000 YEN



PORK

WHITE RICE

PICKLE

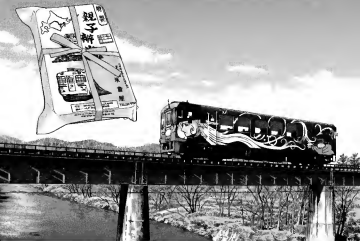
SPECIAL THANKS JR HOKKAIDO, TORIKI BUS,  
KINSEI, JAPANESE KIOSK ASSOCIATION

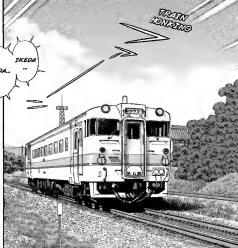
*KLINGING*



**CHAPTER 53:  
IKEDA STATION**

**WINE MARINATED TOKACHI STEAK BENTO  
OYAKO RABU**

















HOWEVER, IN 1910, ANOTHER RAILWAY WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN ASAKA AND KANMAI, BECAUSE OF THIS NEW LINE, THE MAIN RAILWAY THAT RUN BETWEEN SAFFORD AND ASAKA STARTED WAS RE-ROUTED TO RUN THROUGH ASAKA-KANMAI, ASAKA. THIS LINE WAS CALLED SECONDARY MAIN LINE.

IN 1911, A NEW RAILWAY WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN JEDDA AND THAMAT. THIS NEW RAILWAY CONNECTED THE RAILROAD FROM KIRIATANI TO ASAKA AND WAS CALLED THE ASAKA-KIRIATANI RAIL LINE. THE ASAKA-KIRIATANI RAIL LINE BECAME THE MAIN RAILWAY TO TRAVEL BETWEEN SAFFORD AND ASAKA.

THE HISTORY OF THE ASAKA-KIRIATANI RAILWAY'S FURTHER GALAXY LINE



ONCE THE SECONDARY MAIN LINE WAS ESTABLISHED, THE NAME OF THE RAILWAY BETWEEN JEDDA AND ASAKA CHANGED TO THE CHERRY LINE. THIS RAILROAD WAS NO LONGER THE MAIN LINE AND WAS DOWNGRADED TO A BRANCH LINE. WHAT WAS ONCE A MAIN RAILWAY WAS REPLACED BY THE MORE CONVENIENT SECONDARY MAIN LINE.









...IT CAN GO BELOW  
NEGATIVE 10 TO 20  
CELSIUS DURING THE  
WINTER, THE HIGHWAY  
WILL FREEZE DURING  
THAT TIME.



...DRIVING A CAR  
COMES WITH  
AGE RESTRICTIONS.  
YOU CAN'T DRIVE  
IF YOU ARE TOO YOUNG  
(UNDER 18 YEARS OLD)  
OR IF YOU'RE TOO OLD.  
FURTHERMORE  
THE AREA OF  
SUOTOHETSU ALONG THE  
FURUSATO GALAXY LINE  
IS KNOWN TO BE ONE  
OF THE COLDEST  
AREAS IN  
HOKKAIDO...

-44 TO -4 FARENHEIT



...HEAVY  
SNOW STORMS  
CAN CAUSE  
SERVICE  
INTERRUPTIONS,  
BUT CARS CAN'T  
OPERATE  
IN THE HEAVY  
SNOW STORMS  
EITHER.

THE RAILROAD  
WILL NOT  
FREEZE OVER DURING  
THE WINTER AND  
CAUSE ACCIDENTS  
LIKE CARS  
ON A FROZEN  
HIGHWAY WOULD...



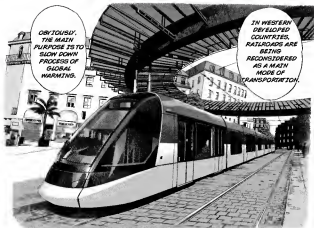
DAISUKE,  
YOU'RE  
ABSOLUTELY  
RIGHT!

YOU'RE  
RIGHT!



THE RAILROADS  
PROVIDE  
SAFE  
TRANSPORTATION  
TO ANYONE  
AT ANY AGE.





OBVIOUSLY,  
THE MAIN  
PURPOSE IS TO  
SLOW DOWN  
PROCESS OF  
GLOBAL  
WARMING.

IN WESTERN  
DEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES,  
RAILROADS ARE  
BEING  
RECONSIDERED  
AS A MAIN  
MODE OF  
TRANSPORTATION.



THAT'S  
RIGHT!



IT SEEMS BACKWARD  
TO SHUT DOWN THE  
RAILROADS AND BUILD  
A HIGHWAY WHILE IT IS  
CLEAR THAT THE  
TRAIN IS MUCH SAFER  
FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.



MEANWHILE,  
IT DOES  
NOTHING  
TO BENEFIT  
LOCAL CITIZENS  
AT ALL.

IT IS ALSO  
VERY CLEAR THAT,  
BUILDING A HIGHWAY  
WILL FINANCIALLY  
BENEFIT THE  
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY  
AND THE POLITICIANS  
WHO SUPPORT  
THE HIGHWAY.



...AND THE  
HARM TO THE  
WILD  
ANIMALS.



NOISES,  
EXHAUST FUMES,  
TRASH  
THROWN OUT  
OF THE WINDOW,  
CAR ACCIDENTS

RIGHT?



SO - NOT ONLY  
FOR THE PEOPLE  
OF JAPAN  
BUT FOR THE  
EARTH ITSELF -  
WE NEED THE  
FUKUSHIMA  
GALAXY LINE  
TO BE IN  
OPERATION!!

*CLAPPING*



THANK YOU GIRL  
YOU'RE  
ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!!







NEMURO  
MAIN LINE  
THE EXPRESS  
"SUPER OGIWA 6"  
DEPARTING FROM  
IKEDA STATION  
AT 14:27



HERE YOU  
GO  
DAIJUKEI!



WHY?  
WHEN DID  
YOU PICK  
THESE UP?  
PI

I PICKED UP  
BAKSEN  
FOR US.  
CHEER UP!



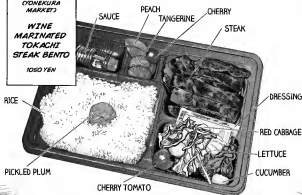
...I BID YOU  
FAREWELL!!

TO HOKKAIDO  
CHENGKU  
PLATEAU  
RAILWAY  
FURUSATO  
GALAXY LINE

*JAEDA SOTOH  
(YONEKURA  
MARKET)*

***WINE  
MARINATED  
TOKACHI  
STEAK BENTO***

*1080 YEN*



*JAEDA SOTOH  
(YONEKURA  
MARKET)*

***OIAKO  
RAPU***

*630 YEN*







IT'S  
HARD TO  
BELIEVE  
THIS IS  
CHICKEN.



...IT'S STIR FRIED  
AND CRISPY!  
THE SAUCE IS  
SWEET AND SALTY!  
EXCELLENT  
WITH RICE!



OH  
I FORGOT  
TO USE THE  
SAUCE.



IT HAS A  
LIGHT GINGER  
FLAVOR TOO.  
THIS REMINDS  
ME OF MY  
CHILDHOOD!



I PERSONALLY  
PREFER THE STEAK  
WITHOUT THIS  
SAUCE SO I CAN  
ENJOY THE FLAVOR  
OF THE STEAK ITSELF.

THIS SAUCE  
IS SWEET.  
I THINK  
PEOPLE WHO  
LIKES SWEETS  
WOULD GET  
HOOKED ON THIS!



MUNCH!



THEY  
COMPLEMENT  
THE RICE TOO...  
I LOVE IT!!!

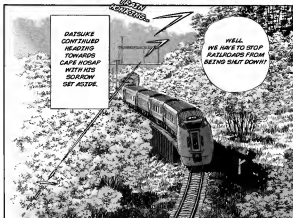
THE SCRAMBLED  
EGG IS SO  
SOFT AND SWEET.  
MAKES A GREAT  
COMBINATION  
WITH THIS  
CHICKEN.



THE RICE IS  
VERY SOFT.

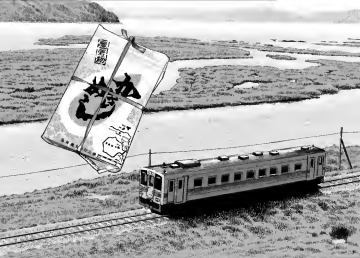






CHAPTER 54:  
AKKESHI STATION

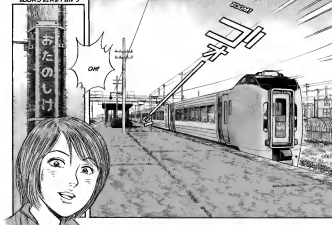
KANI MASHI  
HOTATE BENTO



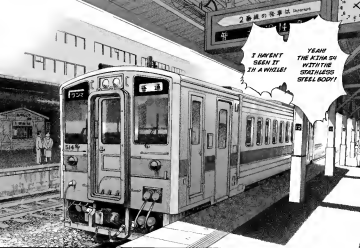
KIRO LINE WAS SHUT DOWN  
IN PART. THE HOKKAIDO  
CHITOSE PLATEAU RAILROAD'S  
FURUSATO GALAXY LINE  
WAS SHUT DOWN IN 2006.  
SEEING THE GHOST OF  
THOSE TWO RAILROADS,  
DATSUKE AND KANA WERE  
CONFRONTED WITH THE  
HARSH REALITY OF THE  
HOKKAIDO RAILROADS.



BIGH GRANDSHIRE  
LET CAN MEAN  
"LOOKS LIKE FUN"







I HAVEN'T  
SEEN IT  
IN A WHILE!

YEAH  
THE KIRIA GO  
WITH THE  
STAINLESS  
STEEL BODY!



HMM

RIGHT.  
THAT'S  
HOW IT'S  
KIRIA GO.



THE EXPRESS  
TRAIN THAT  
WE TOOK HAD  
8 CARS AND  
WAS ON THE  
SAME HEMURO  
MAIN LINE...

WHY?  
THE TRAIN  
THAT GOES TO  
HEMURO  
HAS ONLY  
ONE CAR?



AND  
THESE  
SEATS!



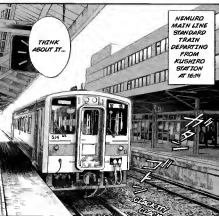
ABSOLUTELY!

I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND

...NOT!!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?



OH...I  
SEE!







KINA 52  
KOMEZAKA LINE

KINA 55  
OLD CHUG LINE ETC... (TO 1987)



FOR THE TRAINS  
THAT GO OVER  
MOUNTAINS  
OR HILLS, CARS WITH  
TWO DIESEL ENGINES  
ARE USED.



KINA 35  
(SAME AS KINA 55 WITH  
ONE ENGINE.)



KINA 20  
IBARAKI CROSS TRAFFIC LINE



FOR THE  
REGULAR  
RAILROADS,  
KINA 20, 35  
AND 40 ARE  
MAINLY  
USED.

KINA 40  
MIDAKA MATH LINE







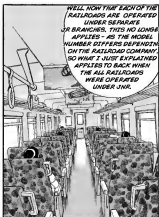
I'M SO  
SMART!

SO THAT  
MEANS...  
THE UPCOMING  
PATH BETWEEN  
KUSATO AND  
NEMURO IS  
A MOUNTAIN  
PATH?



WHAT?!

ACTUALLY  
NO.



WELL, NOW THAT EACH OF THE  
RAILROADS ARE OPERATED  
UNDER SEPARATE  
JR BRANCHES, THIS NO LONGER  
APPLIES - AS THE MODEL  
NUMBER DIFFERS DEPENDING  
ON THE RAILROAD COMPANY.  
SO WHAT I JUST EXPLAINED  
APPLIES TO BACK WHEN  
THE ALL RAILROADS  
WERE OPERATED  
UNDER JNR.



WHY'S  
THAT?

BESIDES,  
KITA NO ONLY  
HAS ONE  
ENGINE, BUT  
IT'S VERY  
POWERFUL



THERE WILL BE  
SOME MOUNTAIN  
PATHS, BUT IT  
WILL BE RUNNING  
AT A SPEED THAT'S  
SUITABLE FOR  
KITA NO.



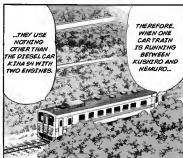
IT HAS  
A LOT  
TO DO  
WITH IT.



WHAT IS  
THAT GOT TO  
DO WITH  
THE NUMBER  
OF ENGINES?



THAT'S BECAUSE  
THIS TRAIN  
RUNS IN THE  
LEAST POPULATED  
AREA  
IN JAPAN.

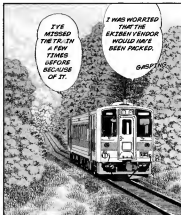








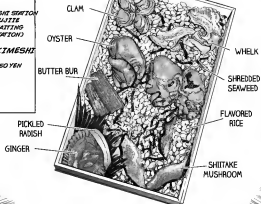
TRAIN  
HONKING!



AKKESHI SHITON  
CULTTE  
WAITING  
STATION)

**KAKIMESHI**

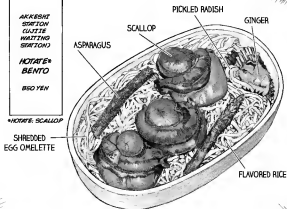
BIG YEN



AKKESHI SHITON  
CULTTE  
WAITING  
STATION)

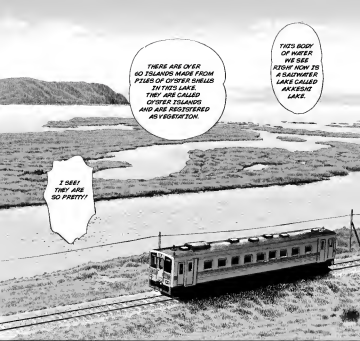
**NOTATE\***  
**BENTO**

BIG YEN









THERE ARE OVER  
60 ISLANDS MADE FROM  
PILES OF OYSTER SHELLS  
IN THIS LAKE.  
THEY ARE CALLED  
OYSTER ISLANDS  
AND ARE REGISTERED  
AS VEGETATION.

THIS BODY  
OF WATER  
WE SEE  
RIGHT NOW IS  
A BAY WATER  
LAKE CALLED  
AKKESHI  
LAKE.

I SEE!  
THEY ARE  
SO PRETTY!

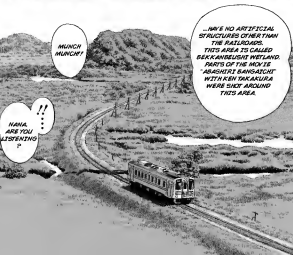
THE BITTERNESS  
OF THE BUTTER  
BUT ADDS  
VARIETY  
TO THIS  
WHOLE MEAL.

ONLY IN  
AKKESHI.  
THE HOME  
OF OYSTERS!

THE RICE IS  
STRONGLY  
FLAVORED,  
BUT IT'S  
MARINATED  
IN OYSTER JUICE.  
I COULD EAT THIS  
BY ITSELF.

THIS  
RICE IS  
AMAZING  
!

OH  
BOY!









AWWW,  
NOW HE'S  
GONE...



HE'S  
SO  
CUTE!

A WILD  
FOX!

OVER  
THERE!

WOAH!  
THAT'S  
A FOX!



IT WAS  
SOMETHING  
THAT COULD  
ONLY  
HAPPEN IN  
HOKKAIDO.

I WOULD  
LOVE THAT!

MAYBE  
WE'LL GET TO  
SEE A  
YEBI SUKKA  
DEER TOO!



THEY  
REALLY  
DO LIVE  
IN  
HOKKAIDO  
!

THAT WAS  
AMAZING.  
THIS IS THE  
FIRST TIME  
I'VE SEEN A  
WILD FOX.

CHAPTER 55:  
NEMURO STATION

HANAZAKI KANTAMA  
HANAZAKIMESHI



AFTER ENJOYING  
THE SKIBAN AT  
AKKESHI STATION,  
DATSUKI AND  
NANA SPENT A  
NIGHT AT JAPAN'S  
EASTERN MOST  
CITY, THE CITY  
OF NEMURO.

THEY HEADED  
OUT TO  
CAPE NOSHAP,  
THE EASTERN  
MOST POINT OF  
JAPAN. THE  
NEXT  
MORNING  
AT 8:00.

SHYAT

NEARUO,  
THE EASTERN  
MOST CITY  
OF JAPAN!

DATSUKE!  
WE'RE  
FINALLY  
HERE!

STGM: NEARUO STATION



EXCUSE  
ME!



HEY!  
LET'S TAKE A  
PICTURE  
TOGETHER.



SHY  
SHY



IT WAS TOO DARK TO  
NOTICE LAST NIGHT,  
BUT THIS IS  
SUCH A CUTE  
LITTLE STATION!

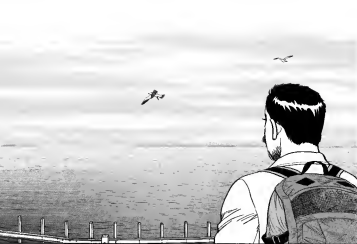
I'M  
SO  
SLEEPY!











ALTHOUGH  
IT'S ONLY  
3.7 KILOMETERS  
TO THE KATARA  
ISLAND FROM  
HERE.



SO THAT'S  
PART OF THE  
NORTHERN  
BORDER TOO?



I GUESS THAT  
MAKES SENSE.  
UP UNTIL SOME TIME AGO,  
ANY PEOPLE WE'RE  
GOING BACK AND  
FORTH BETWEEN THOSE  
ISLAND AND HOKKAIDO  
REGULARLY.



HEY...  
IS THAT A  
LIGHTHOUSE?



IT'S  
MORE LIKE  
A REEF THAN  
AN ISLAND,  
ACTUALLY.



I DIDN'T  
REALIZE  
HOW CLOSE  
THEY ARE TO  
HOKKAIDO.

THESE ARE  
THE  
NORTHERN  
BORDER  
ISLANDS. HUH?





THAT'S  
CALLED A  
BRIDGE  
OF SHIMA.  
(FOUR  
ISLANDS.)



...SO THAT  
WE WON'T  
FORGET  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO THOSE  
ISLANDS.

PEOPLE  
BUILT MANY  
MEMORIAL  
STRUCTURES...

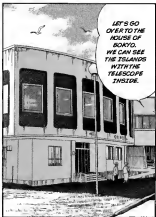


WHY,  
THERE REALLY  
ARE SO MANY  
OF THEM.

STORY: RETURN THE NORTHERN ISLANDS.



WHY,  
I CAN SEE  
THE  
ISLANDS  
SO  
CLEARLY!



LET'S GO  
OVER TO THE  
HOUSE OF  
BOUYO.  
WE CAN SEE  
THE ISLANDS  
WITH THE  
TELESCOPE  
INSIDE.



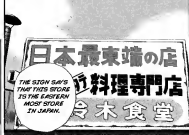
END  
MAGNET

...MAYBE  
THAT'S BECAUSE  
OF ALL THE  
MEMORIES FROM  
THE PAST HAVE  
NOT BEEN  
ABLE TO MOVE  
ON FROM  
HERE...

I SEE...

THIS PLACE  
IS SO  
BEAUTIFUL YET  
FEELS VERY  
LONELY...





STATION HANABUO SECTION





SIGN: NEMURO STATION, THE EASTERN MOST STATION IN JAPAN



SIGN: THE SOUTHERN MOST STATION.

NISHI OMA STATION, FROM VOLUME 1.







STATION EAST NEMURO, THE EASTERN MOST STATION IN JAPAN



STATION THE FURTHEST EAST TRAIN STATION OF JAPAN





SPENDING SPENDING...



*HEMURU  
SEITON  
(KUSHO KAN)*

**HANASAKI  
KANIGAMA**

180 YEN

PICKLE

SHREDDED EGG  
OMELETTE

HANASAKI  
CRAB MEAT

RICE COOKED  
WITH CRAB JUICE

SWEET  
BOILED  
SHIITAKE

A LAYER OF  
SHIITAKE MUSHROOM  
UNDERNEATH

*HEMURU  
SEITON  
(KUSHO KAN)*

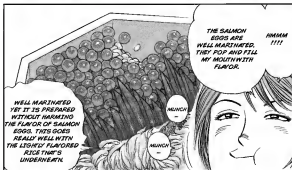
**HANASAKI  
KANIMESHI**

1000 YEN

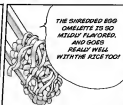
SALMON  
EGGS  
(SHREDDED EGG  
OMELETTE AND  
RICE COOKED WITH  
CRAB JUICE  
UNDERNEATH.)

HANASAKI  
CRAB MEAT









SPECIAL THANKS JR HOKKAIDO,  
MUSHISHOKUIN, JAPANESE KIOSK ASSOCIATION



SIGN THE EASTERN MOST CRAB

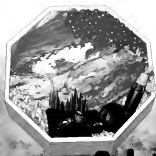


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CHAPTER 55: THE END



CHAPTER 56  
KUSHIRO STATION

TARABA SUSHI  
IWASHI NO HOKKABURI





**SIGN: KUSHIRO STATION**

THIS IS THE  
LAST STOP -  
KUSHIRO STATION.  
THANK YOU FOR  
RIDING TODAY.

EXPRESS TRAIN  
"HANASAKI"  
ARRIVING AT  
NEMURO MAIN LINE  
KUSHIRO STATION  
TRACK 5 AT 13:05



STATION: KUSHIRO STATION

FOR NEMURO  
MAIN LINE  
LOCAL TRAIN  
TOWARDS  
OCHIKADO,  
PLEASE GO  
TO TRACK TWO.

FOR TRANSFERS TO  
THE SPECIAL EXPRESS  
TRAIN "SUPER OGDRA"  
TOWARDS SAPPORO,  
PLEASE GO TO  
TRACK ONE...



FOR TRANSFER  
TO THE KUSHIRO  
MAIN LINE,  
PLEASE WAIT FOR  
THE NEXT TRAIN  
IN THE WAITING  
ROOM.



HAH...  
WHERE IS  
THE KUSHIRO  
MAIN LINE...



SO ABOUT  
AN HOUR  
AND  
50 MINUTES...



PLUS THE  
MORNING  
WE'RE  
TAKING WILL  
BE ANOTHER  
HOUR...

FOR THE  
LOCAL LINE  
TOWARDS  
NASHI LAKE  
IT WILL BE  
ABOUT  
50 MINUTES...



HEY DATSUKI,  
HOW LONG IS THE  
WAIT FOR THE  
NEXT KUSHIRO  
MAIN LINE  
TRAIN?



WE'RE  
WAITING  
THAT  
LONG?!

WHAT?!



REALLY?  
WHAT  
KIND?



THEY SELL  
TWO NATIONALLY  
FAMOUS EKIBEN  
HERE.

LET'S GO  
BUY SOME  
EKIBEN  
NOW.



NOW,  
PEOPLE IN  
HOKKAIDO  
MUST BE  
REALLY  
PATIENT!



THEY ARE  
KNOWN AS  
THE KING  
EKIBEN OF  
EASTERN  
JAPAN FROM  
THE KOTO  
DEPARTMENT  
STORE EKIBEN  
CONTEST!

OH,  
I'VE READ  
ABOUT TARABA  
SUSHI!



THEY ARE  
CALLED  
TARABA  
SUSHI AND  
IWAHORI NO  
MON KABURI.



IN 2006, THEIR  
SALES BROKE  
THEIR OWN  
RECORD AND  
TOOK OVER  
30 MILLION YEN  
WORTH OF EKIBEN!

IN SUCH A  
COMPETITIVE  
CONTEST, THEY HAVE  
ALWAYS BEEN  
CHOSEN AS  
ONE OF THE TOP 10 -  
EVER SINCE 1987  
WHEN THEY FIRST  
ENTERED THE  
CONTEST.



THAT'S  
RIGHT!

STORY: 4TH FAMOUS EKIBEN CONTEST



HEY!

AND  
WE'RE  
RACING  
THERE!



ALRIGHT THEN,  
LET'S GO TO THE  
EKIBEN VENDOR  
AT TRACK 1



WOAH!  
IT REALLY  
IS THE  
KING OF  
EKIBEN.







SIGN: KUSHO KAN







SIGN: EKIBEN VENDOR KUSHO KAN



SIGN: KUSHIRO STATION





STEAM HOKKAIDO TRAIN JR HOKKAIDO / KUJIKIRI WETLAND NATIONAL PARK 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY





DURING FALL  
THEY HAVE THE  
"KUSHIRO  
WETLAND  
AUTUMN LEAVES  
NOROKKO TRAIN"  
RUNNING  
BETWEEN  
KUSHIRO AND  
KAMAYU HOT  
SPRINGS.

IN THE  
SPRING AND  
SUMMER,  
THEY HAVE THE  
"KUSHIRO  
WETLAND  
NOROKKO TRAIN"  
RUNNING  
BETWEEN  
KUSHIRO  
AND FORD.

AND DURING  
THE WINTER  
THEY HAVE THE  
"DAKORSA DRIFTING  
ICE NOROKKO TRAIN"  
BETWEEN ABASHIRI  
AND SHIRATORI-KUSHARI.  
THEY CHANGE THE  
NAME OF THE TRAIN  
DEPENDENT ON THE  
SEASON.

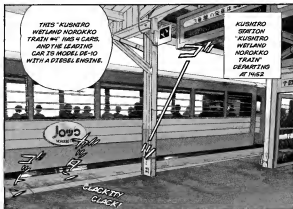


WOW,  
THIS  
LOOKS  
FUN!

LOOK!  
FOOT  
PRINTS!

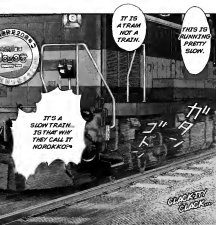
THAT ALSO THAT  
MEANS THAT  
SENNO MAIN  
LINE CAN OFFER  
AMAZING VIEW  
FROM THE TRAIN  
EACH AND  
EVERY SEASON.





KUSIRO WETLAND MORDAKO TRAIN IS AVAILABLE. IT IS BACKING FORTH WHICH KENDU FROM 10:00 TO 11:00. THE TRAIN CARDS USED FOR THIS CLAYC ROOM WAS TAKEN FROM 2007 ROOMS & SCHEDULE.





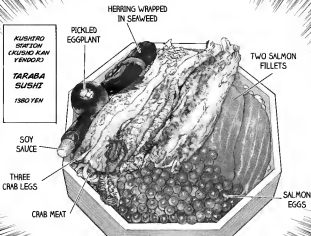
"NODOK MEANS 'SLOW', TOROKKO MEANS 'TRAM', NODOK TOROKKO = 'NODOKKO'."



**KUSHIRO  
STATION  
(KUSHIRO KAN  
YENDOR)**

**TARABA  
SUSHI**

1380 YEN

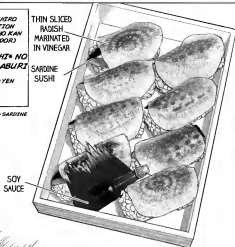


**KUSHIRO  
STATION  
(KUSHIRO KAN  
YENDOR)**

**IWASHI\* NO  
HOKKABURI**

980 YEN

\*IWSHIMI = SARDINE





TARABA  
CRAB  
KING CRAB

**KUWASHI**









OH!!

CLACKETY  
CLACK...



WE'RE  
RUNNING  
THROUGH THE  
WETLANDS!

HEY  
NANA,  
CHECK IT  
OUT!



KUSAZO  
SHITON  
IS  
AMAZING!

THIS SUSHI  
IS FORTÉ  
3RD BEST OUT  
OF THE SUSHI  
EXTREM IN  
JAPAN.  
I CAN SEE WHY!



LOOKS  
SO GOOD!

MUM  
USING  
RADISH  
IS SUCH A  
GOOD IDEA!

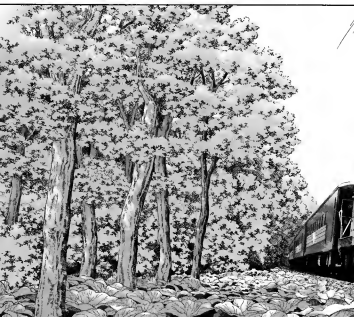


I CAN'T STOP  
EATING THESE!



...AND THE  
FLAVOR OF  
THE RADISH  
KEEPS THIS  
SUSHI SO  
REFRESHING!

THE FLAVOR  
AND FRESHNESS  
OF THE SARDINES  
ARE WELL  
MAINTAINED...



LOOK AT  
ALL THOSE  
TREES!

CLACKETY  
CLACK...



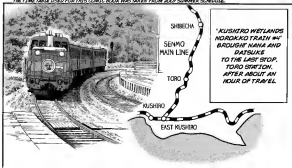


**CHAPTER 57:  
MASHU STATION**

**MASHU PORK  
RICE BOWL**



KUBIKIHO HISTORICAL MONUMENT TO SHIRAKAWA & SHIRAKAWA TRUTH WHICH RISES FROM BEYOND TO FALL  
THE 1744 TABLE USED FOR THIS COMIC BOOK WAS TAKEN FROM 2007 SUMMER SCHEDULE



SABROHA  
SEINMO  
MAIN LINE  
TORO  
KUSHIRO  
EAST KUSHIRO

*'KUSHIRO WETLANDS  
NORDIC TRAIN #4'  
BROUGHT NANA AND  
DABUKE  
TO THE LAST STOP,  
TORO STATION.  
AFTER ABOUT AN  
HOUR OF TRAVEL*

THIS IS  
THE LAST STOP,  
TORO STATION.  
THANK YOU FOR  
RIDING TODAY.

KUSHIRO MAIN  
LINE "KUSHIRO  
WETLANDS HOROKKO  
TRAIN #4"  
ARRIVING AT  
TORO STATION  
AT 15:50



THIS IS  
A CUTE  
STATION.

PLEASE  
USE THE  
WAITING  
ROOM.

THERE WILL BE  
A LAYOVER  
FOR TRANSFERS  
TOWARDS  
ABASHIRI AND  
KUSHIRO.



STGH, WELCOME TO TORO STATION WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE KUSHIRO WETLANDS.

LOOK AT  
YOU! YOU'RE  
STARTING TO  
SOUND LIKE A  
TRAIN EXPERT!

...SO THE  
LAST CAR  
WILL BE  
PULLING THE  
TRAIN ON  
THE WAY BACK  
TO KUSHIRO  
STATION.

I SEE. THE  
HOROKKO  
TRAIN CAN BE  
PUSHED OR  
PULLED..

HAH,  
HOROKKO  
TRAIN LOOKS  
LIKE THIS  
FROM BEHIND.





IT'S  
THE  
KING  
CAR!

MAN...  
THIS TRAIN  
MADE OF  
SO INEXPENSIVE  
STEEL...



IT'S  
COMMON!



I HAVE  
TRAINED  
YOU WELL  
ABOUT  
TRAINS!

BINGO!  
YOU'RE  
CORRECT!



IT'S THE  
HIGH  
POWERED  
CAR WITH  
TWO  
ENGINES!

CLICKETY  
CLICK...

IMPRESS-  
IVE!



BEHIND MAIN  
LINE LOCAL  
TRAIN  
DEPARTING  
FROM TORD  
STATION  
AT 10:49

CLICKETY  
CLICK...

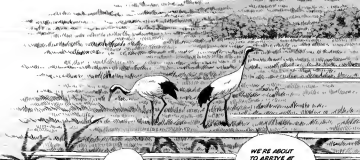
THAT'S  
TRUE...

COMMON.  
IT'S NOT SUCH  
A BIG DEAL!  
WE WERE JUST  
ON THE NEARBY  
MAIN LINE!









SHH !!

PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB THE CRANES.

EEK?



THE CRANES!

SHH !!

WE'RE ABOUT TO ARRIVE AT KATANUMA STATION. THE ONLY STATION IN JAPAN WHERE THE JAPANESE CRANES VISIT.

THEY'RE HERE!



...LOCAL FARMERS HELP THEM THRIVE. NOW WE HAVE ABOUT 1,000 WILD CRANES AROUND THIS AREA.

THE JAPANESE CRANES WERE ALMOST EXTINCT DUE TO THE OVER HUNTING AND HABITAT LOSSES CAUSED BY THE AGGRESSIVE LAND DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE MID-...



THE JAPANESE CRANES ARE A SPECIAL NATIONAL MONUMENT OF JAPAN. THEY ARE CALLED 'TANUKI' CRANES BECAUSE OF THE RED MARKINGS AT THE TOP OF THEIR HEAD.

TRAIN  
FORGIVING



THAT WAS AMAZING.  
WE SAW THE CRANES  
FLYING ON OUR  
WAY TO TORD, BUT  
I CAN'T BELIEVE  
WE WERE ABLE TO  
SEE THEM SO  
CLOSE!

OH  
MY!



PHWT  
WE ALMOST  
HIT THEM.  
IT WAS REALLY  
CLOSE!



THE  
TRAIN IS  
GOING  
FOR A  
SUDDEN  
STOP!

HANA!  
HOLD ON!



DAISUKE!  
LOOK!!!



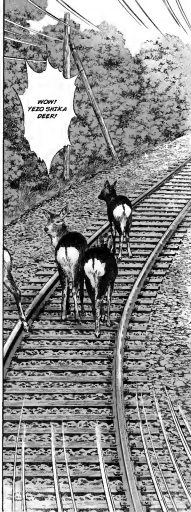
WHAT'S  
GOING ON?

SUCH  
TROUBLE-  
MAKERS!



THEY MUST  
BE USED  
TO IT.

ARE THEY  
NOT SCARED?  
THEY'RE  
NOT RUNNING  
OFF OF THE  
RAILROAD!



WOAH!  
FEED SHIKA  
DEER!



HOW  
CUTE!  
THEY MUST  
BE A  
FAMILY.

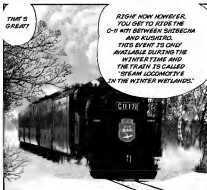




AT THE SAME TIME, MODEL C-56'S WERE RUNNING ON SENJODI MAIN LINE.



BACK WHEN THE SAGBETSU LINE WAS IN OPERATION, STEAM LOCOMOTIVES LIKE THE MODEL C-11 WERE STILL BEING USED.



THAT'S GREAT!

RIGHT NOW HOWEVER, YOU GET TO RIDE THE C-11 MTN BETWEEN SAKIBACHA AND KUNITO. THIS EVENT IS ONLY AVAILABLE DURING THE WINTER TIME AND THE TRAIN IS CALLED "STEAM LOCOMOTIVE IN THE WINTER WETLANDS."



HOWEVER, THE AGE OF THE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE HAD ENDED BY 1996. C-56 AND C-11 ALSO DISAPPEARED AT THE SAME TIME.

THAT'S SO SAD...



YOU'RE CORRECT!

DING DING DING!!!



HEY, YOU SAID C-11 MTN... ISN'T THAT THE SAME LOCOMOTIVE AS THE ONUMA...P



THE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE IS PRESERVED JUST LIKE BACK IN THE DAY'S. THEY EVEN HAVE THE WOOD BURNING STOVE INSIDE.



WE'RE  
AT  
MASHU  
STATION.

MASHU

ARRIVING  
AT MASHU  
LAKE AT  
THIS



AS YOU'VE  
GUESSED,  
THE STEAM  
LOCOMOTIVE  
WE WERE ON  
BEFORE  
WAS ALSO  
A WHIT

YOU'RE  
OFFICIALLY  
A TRAIN  
EXPERT

NO  
PROBLEM

SPRING TESHIKAGA STATION



WHEN I WAS  
YOUNGER,  
THIS STATION  
WAS CALLED  
TESHIKAGA  
STATION.

BEFORE THE  
NAME WAS  
CHANGED  
IN 1900.



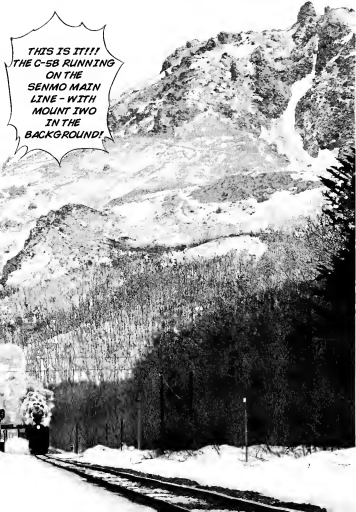
I WAS TOLD  
IT'S A FEW  
MINUTES  
TO MASHU,  
THE MISTY LAKE.  
FROM HERE  
BY BUS.

WRONG!





**THIS IS IT!!!  
THE C-5B RUNNING  
ON THE  
SENMO MAIN  
LINE - WITH  
MOUNT IWO  
IN THE  
BACKGROUND!**





SIGN: SKIBEN FOR SALE



SIGN: PORK RICE BOWL OF MASHU





DAY!

LET'S  
TAKE A  
QUICK  
BREAK HERE!



IT SAYS,  
POPPO HOT  
SPRINGS  
!!

AND  
IT'S  
FREE!

STON: MASHU STATION: POPPO HOT SPRINGS



OHMM  
THIS IS  
PRETTY  
HOT!

IT FEELS LIKE  
I'M TIRED  
BODY IS  
GETTING THE  
REST IT  
DESERVED!!

PHWET!



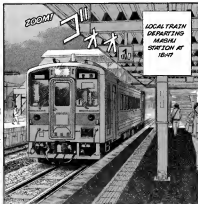
...WE GOT  
TO SEE THE  
AWESOME  
PICTURE OF  
THE VINTAGE  
STEAM  
LOCOMOTIVE.

WE SAW  
SOME WILD  
ANIMALS...



TODAY WAS  
SUCH A  
RELAXING  
DAY, BOTH  
MENTALLY AND  
PHYSICALLY.

STON  
—



**GRAND GRIPPING**



MASHI  
STATION  
(POPPO-YET  
VENDOR)

**MASHI  
PORK RICE  
BOWL**

1080 YEN



...AND  
THEY ARE  
MARINATED  
WITH THEIR  
OWN  
SECRET  
SAUCE.



THESE ARE  
"SPECIAL"  
SELECTED PORK  
LOIN FROM THE  
LOCAL HOKKAIDO  
PORK...



WOAH!  
LOOK HOW MANY  
PORK SLICES  
ARE IN THIS  
EXTENSIVE!  
THIS SMELLS  
AMAZING TOO!







YOU'RE  
RIGHT!

DATSUNE,  
COULD THIS BE  
WHERE THE  
PICTURE OF  
STEAM LOCOMOTIVE  
WAS TAKEN?

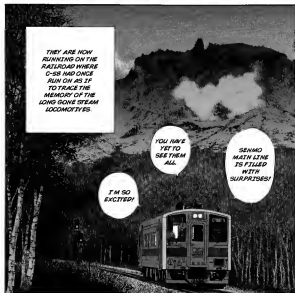
SPECIAL THANKS TO HOWARD, KOYO TEL  
JAPANESE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION



HUH?



IT'S  
STARTING TO  
GET DARK  
OUTSIDE.



THEY ARE NOW  
RUNNING ON THE  
RAILROAD WHERE  
C-58 HAD ONCE  
RUN ON AS IF  
TO TRACE THE  
MEMORY OF THE  
LONG GONE STEAM  
LOCOMOTIVES.

I'M SO  
EXCITED!

YOU HAVE  
YET TO  
SEE THEM  
ALL.

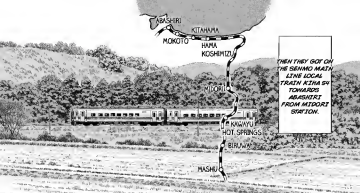
SENMO  
MAIN LINE  
IS FILLED  
WITH  
SURPRISES!



CHAPTER 58:  
SAPPORO STATION

DMV TRIP BOX













SIGN: HAKKOSHINTSU



TICKET: HAKKOSHINTSU TO MOKORO / SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP CARD



THEY RUN THREE TIMES A DAY, BUT THE BUS CAN ONLY TAKE 12 PEOPLE AT A TIME. THIS MEANS THAT THE BUS CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE 36 PEOPLE A DAY. FURTHERMORE, GROUP TICKETS HAVE PRIORITY OVER INDIVIDUAL TICKETS, SO IT IS VERY HARD FOR A GUY LIKE ME TO GET A TICKET.

SINCE THIS IS FOR A TEST DRIVE ONLY, THEY ARE ONLY RUNNING IT ON SATURDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

IF YOU MUST KNOW... I BOUGHT THESE TICKETS TWO MONTH AGO, AS SOON AS THIS TICKET BECAME AVAILABLE. AFTER MAKING A NUMBER OF CALLS!

AND TODAY WAS NO EXCEPTION. THE FIRST AND SECOND ROUND OF BUS TICKETS WERE SOLD TO GROUPS, SO I GOT A TICKET FOR THE THIRD BUS OF THE DAY.











YOU'LL  
SEE  
SOON.

DATSUKE...  
WHAT IS  
DUAL MODE...?



...DMV,  
THE DUAL MODE  
VEHICLE, IS  
LEAVING THE  
STATION!!

LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN,  
WELCOME  
TO THE ONE  
AND ONLY IN  
THE WORLD...



OH  
WE'RE ABOUT  
TO GET ON THE  
RAILROAD!

WE WILL  
BE ENTERING THE  
HAMAKOSHIMIZU  
INTERCHANGE.



SENDO  
MAIN LINE  
DMV BUS NO  
DEPARTING FROM  
HAMAKOSHIMIZU  
STATION  
AT 14:53

WHY ISN'T  
ANYONE  
TELLING ME  
ANYTHING!



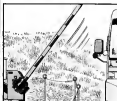
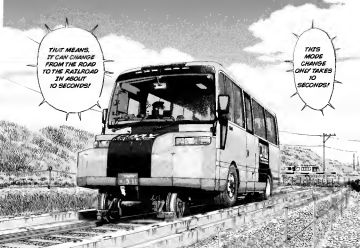
IS THAT  
EVEN  
POSSIBLE...?

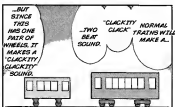
IS THIS  
GOING TO  
RUN ON THE  
RAILROAD?



WHAT DO YOU  
MEAN ON  
THE RAILROAD?









THE HILL YOU SEE  
ON YOUR RIGHT HAND  
SIDE IS THE NATIONAL  
PARK KOSHIMATSU  
WILD FLOWER PARK.  
THIS PARK IS  
PROTECTED BY THE  
HOKKAIDO  
GOVERNMENT.



THE DRIVER CHANGED AGAIN FROM THE JR HOKKAIDO CONDUCTOR TO THE ABASHIRI BUS DRIVER. AN HOUR AND 9 MINUTES TRAVEL ENDED WHEN THE DMV RETURNED TO HAMAKOSHIMIZU STATION.



AT 16:30, THE WHEELS WERE FOLDED BACK INSIDE AND THE DMV LEFT THE RAILROAD AT HOKORO.



I GUESS YOU DIDN'T DISAPPOINT ME AGAIN DATSUKI!

THAT WAS FUN!



I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT.

I WISH THIS TYPE OF VEHICLE COULD BE AVAILABLE EVERYWHERE IN JAPAN.

SENMO MAIN LINE LOCAL TRAIN TOWARDS ABASHIRI DEPARTING FROM HAMAKOSHIMIZU STATION AT 16:46.







DMY TRIP BOX  
980 YEN

DMY TRIP BOX 980 YEN

EGG OMELETTE  
PORK CUTLET  
SALMON EGGS  
SUSHI RICE  
CRAB MEAT  
SHIITAKE MUSHROOM  
SCALLOP  
SEA URCHIN  
BEEF  
BROCCOLI TEMPURA  
FRIED PUMPKIN  
HODO ROOT

PORK BOWL (KATSU DONBURI)  
SEAFOOD BOWL  
BEEF BOWL (GYU DONBURI)



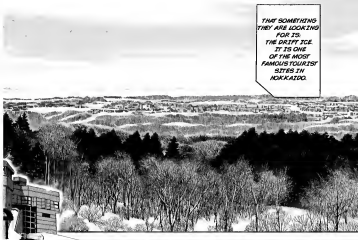




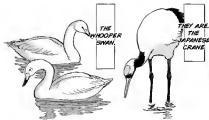
SPOCA, TATSUO, JI HONKARO, BONGATEL,  
JAPANESE ROCK ASSOCIATION











ESPECIALLY, THE DRIFT ICE HAD BECOME SCARCE DUE TO THE GLOBAL WARMING.

...BECAUSE THEY ARE FROM THE NATURE, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT TOURISTS CAN SEE THEM WHEN THEY VISIT.

ALL OF THESE CAN BE VIEWED FROM THE WINDOW OF SENMO MAIN LINE RAILROADS. THIS IS WHY THE SENMO MAIN LINE IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR RAILROADS IN HOKKAIDO, HOWEVER...







STGN. MAEJUMI STATION / HOTEL AND TRAIN TICKET AVAILABLE



$-17^{\circ}\text{C}$  CELSIUS =  $1^{\circ}\text{F}$  FAHRENHEIT



STGN. TRAIN TICKETS ON SALE



GOOD MORNING PASSENGERS





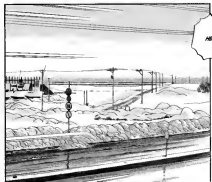
*DURING THE WINTER THE NOROKKO TRAIN IS CALLED "OSHIMA DRIFT ICE NOROKKO TRAIN," AND DURING SUMMER IT'S CALLED "KUSHIRO WETLANDS NOROKKO TRAIN." THE NOROKKO TRAIN CHANGES ITS NAME DEPENDING ON THE SEASON, AND IT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR TRAIN IN HOKKAIDO YEARROUND.*



OSHIMA DRIFT ICE NOROKKO



KUSHIRO WETLANDS NOROKKO





WELL, LET'S NOT  
DYIE UP ON  
OUR HOPES JUST  
YET. WE MAY  
STILL HAVE OUR  
CHANCE AT  
SHIRYOKO-  
SHARI.



MAN,  
I GUESS  
WE TOOK  
THE "DRIFT  
ICE HORDAKO  
TRAIN" FOR  
NOTHING.

I GUESS  
THE DRIFT  
ICE DIDNT  
MAKE IT  
TO THE  
BEACH.



I STILL  
DONT SEE  
ANY DRIFT  
ICE...



HEY,  
WE CAME  
TO THIS  
STATION  
ON THE  
DRIFT.



HOKOKO  
STATION



HEY!!!



GLACKITY GLACK...

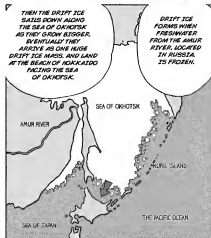
WE'LL  
SEE  
ABOUT  
THAT.

THAT LADY  
AT  
OBERGATORY  
GUESSED  
WRONG  
THEN HUNG



WHAT?

CROWD CHATTERING







THAT'S MOUNT UNABETSUBI.  
BEAUTIFUL,  
ISN'T IT?



I'VE HEARD  
THAT THE SHIP  
IS PRETTY  
AWESOME.  
IT BREAKS  
THROUGH THE  
DRIFT ICE.

I WISH  
I HAD A  
CHANCE  
TO SAIL  
ON IT!



WHISTLE!

RETURNING  
WITH  
"DRIFT ICE  
HODOKKO  
TRAIN #4"  
FROM  
SHIRAIKOKO-  
SHIRAI  
STATION AT  
11:57



"DRIFT ICE  
HODOKKO  
TRAIN #4"  
ARRIVING AT  
SHIRAIKOKO-  
SHIRAI  
STATION  
AT 11:58



DRIFT

LET'S HAVE  
LUNCH  
HERE.

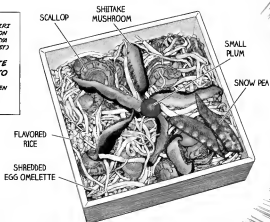


DRIFT  
WE GOT THE  
BEST OF THE  
OCEAN  
AGAIN.

ABASHIRI  
STATION  
(MORITA  
MARKET)

**HOTATE  
BENTO**

840 YEN



ABASHIRI  
STATION  
(MORITA  
MARKET)

**OKHOTSK  
ZETAKU  
ZANMAI**

1200 YEN







MMMM  
!!!



BON  
APPETIT!



MUNCH



SO MANY  
SCALLOPS!  
THE SEA OF JAPAN  
REALLY IS THE  
HOME OF  
SCALLOPS. HMM?

THIS  
LOOKS  
AMAZING!



THE RICE IS  
FLAVORED  
LIGHTLY TOO!  
IT FEELS  
REALLY CLEAN  
IN MY  
STOMACH.

HMM?



IT'S  
FLAVORED  
LIGHTLY,  
AND VERY  
EASY TO EAT  
BECAUSE  
THEY ARE  
SMALL  
PIECES.

THE FLAVOR OF  
THE SCALLOP IS  
COMING OUT  
JUST AS  
I CHW IT!



THE SHREDDED  
EGG OMELETTE  
IS MILDLY FLAVORED,  
AND MAKES  
EVERYTHING ELSE  
TASTE SOFT.  
THIS BENTO IS VERY  
WELL THOUGHT OUT.



THIS SHIITAKE  
MUSHROOM  
IS FLAVORED  
SORT OF STRONGLY,  
SWEET AND SALTY.  
ALTHOUGH  
IT BECOMES  
PERFECTLY  
BALANCED WHEN  
EATEN WITH RICE.



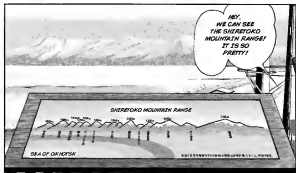
BUT  
—







WOW!  
YOU'RE RIGHT.  
QUITE THE VIEW  
FROM ABOVE!



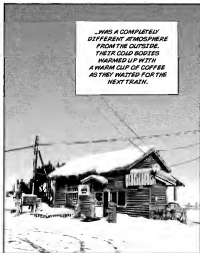
HEY.  
WE CAN SEE  
THE SHERIDANO  
MOUNTAIN RANGE!  
IT IS SO  
PRETTY!

SHERIDANO MOUNTAIN RANGE

SEA OF OKHOTSK

MOUNTAIN RANGE





CHAPTER 60:  
KITAMI STATION

SCALLOP RICE BOWL  
KITA NO SEASON



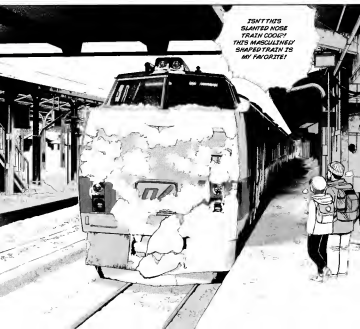
578m JYOMON TUNNEL

THEY CHANGED  
OVER TO THE  
IWAMI MAIN  
LINE AND  
HEADED TO  
KITAMI.

BE  
CAREFUL  
!

AFTER SEEING  
HOKKAIDO'S FAMOUS  
DRIFT ICE FROM THE  
"DRIFT ICE HOKKAIDO  
TRAIN" WITH MUCH LUCK,  
DAISUKE AND HANA  
RETURNED TO ABASHIRI  
FROM KITAHAMA.







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は  
し  
り

THIS TRAIN,  
"OKHOTSK",  
IS FROM  
THE TIME  
OF THE JNR  
OPERATION,  
AND ALL OF  
THESE TRAINS  
ARE ALHA  
TYPE 183.

SINCE THE OPERATION  
CHANGED TO JR HOKKAIDO  
FROM JNR,  
THIS TRAIN HAS BECOME  
LESS AVAILABLE -  
ESPECIALLY WITH THE OTHER  
POPULAR TRAINS SUCH AS  
"SUPER HOKUTO,"  
"SUPER ODORA" OR  
"SUPER SOGA."



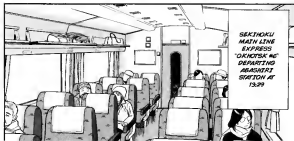
YEAH

SHALL  
WE?

THIS IS  
SUCH A  
MANLY TRAIN,  
FITTED FOR  
HOKKAIDO'S  
COLD  
MOUNTAINS.



DON'T YOU  
JUST LOVE  
THE LOOK  
OF THIS  
TRAIN  
COVERED  
IN SNOW?



SEKTHOKU  
MAIN LINE  
EXPRESS  
"OKHOTSK" NO.  
DEPARTING  
MAKURI  
STATION AT  
13:29



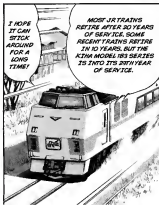
*DURING THE  
TIMES OF THE  
STEAM  
LOCOMOTIVE,  
THE D-51 AND  
MODEL 7600  
WERE RUNNING  
ON SENTOKU  
MAIN LINE.*



*EVENTUALLY THE KINHA MODEL  
82 SERIES BECAME OBSOLETE.  
THEY WERE REPLACED BY THE  
KINHA MODEL 183 DIESEL  
TRAINS, WHICH WERE  
BUILT AS HOKKAIDO  
EXCLUSIVE HIGH  
POWERED TRAINS IN 1979.*



*IN 1981, STEAM  
LOCOMOTIVES  
WERE REPLACED BY  
DIESEL TRAINS  
LIKE THE  
KINHA MODEL 82  
SERIES EXPRESS  
TRAINS.*



*I HOPE  
IT CAN  
STICK  
AROUND  
FOR A  
LONG  
TIME!*

*MODEL JR TRAINS  
RETIRE AFTER 30 YEARS  
OF SERVICE. SOME  
RECENT TRAINS RETIRE  
IN 10 YEARS, BUT THE  
KINHA MODEL 183 SERIES  
IS INTO ITS 28TH YEAR  
OF SERVICE.*



*BUT  
EVENTUALLY,  
THE TYPE 183  
ENGINE WAS  
INSTALLED  
ON THE  
EXPRESS  
"OKHOTSK"  
IN 1986.*

*ORIGINALLY,  
THIS TRAIN  
GOT AN ENGINE  
FROM THE  
EXPRESS  
TRAIN "ODORA"  
ON THE  
NEMURO  
MAIN LINE..*



THE TRAINS  
AT THAT  
TIME WERE  
MADE UP OF  
TWO CARS OF  
THE NEW KITA  
MODEL 32  
SERIES.

FIRST OF ALL  
THE NAME "OKHOTSK"  
WAS GIVEN TO THE  
JUNIOR EXPRESS  
DIESEL TRAIN  
WHICH RAN BETWEEN  
ASAKUKANA AND  
ABASHIRI IN 1959.

INCIDENTALLY,  
THE EXPRESS  
TRAIN  
"OKHOTSK"  
HAS SOME  
HISTORY.



—AND IN 1972,  
THE KITA  
MODEL 32  
DIESEL  
EXPRESS  
TRAIN  
"OKHOTSK"  
WAS BORN.

IN 1984,  
DUE TO THE  
EXPRESS TRAIN  
"OFORI," IT  
STARTED RUNNING  
VIA HAYFORD  
MAIN LINE...

THE FOLLOWING YEAR,  
IN 1985, THE TRAIN  
ROUTE WAS EXTENDED  
TO RUN BETWEEN  
SAPPORO AND ABASHIRI,  
AND THE YEAR AFTER THAT,  
THE TRAIN WAS PROMOTED  
TO AN EXPRESS TRAIN.



YOU'RE RIGHT  
DAD-LIKE,  
I CAN FEEL  
HOW POWERFUL  
THIS TRAIN IS.

YOU GET  
IT, HUNNY?



IN 1986,  
THE TRAIN  
WAS CHANGED TO  
THE MODEL 100,  
WHICH WE ARE  
CURRENTLY ON,  
AND IS STILL  
RUNNING TO  
THIS DAY.











FIND IT!

WE'RE  
TAKING THIS  
TRAIN.

THIS TRAIN IS  
ONE OF THE FAMOUS  
HOKKAIDO RESORT  
EXPRESS CARS  
CALLED THE "NORTH  
RAINBOW EXPRESS."

NORTH  
RAINBOW

THIS IS  
ACTUALLY  
A MODIFIED  
VERSION OF  
THE DIESEL  
EXPRESS  
KINARI  
MODEL.

THAT'S  
A COOL  
NAME!!

THIS IS  
CALLED THE  
"DRIFT ICE  
EXPRESS  
OKHOTSK  
WIND."



LET'S  
GO,  
NANA.



HUH,  
EACH CAR IS  
PAINTED IN  
A DIFFERENT  
COLOR. THERE'S  
ONLY FIVE  
COLORS,  
THOUGH.

NORTH  
RAINBOW





OH,  
THIS IS A  
HIGH DECKER  
CAR!



THIS "HOKKAIDO  
FREE PASS" IS  
SO USEFUL!  
WE'RE PROBABLY  
SAVING A LOT  
OF MONEY TOO!

**HIGH DECKER: TRAINS WITH PASSENGER SEATS PLACED HIGHER.**



THE TRAIN  
IS MADE  
OF FIVE  
HIGH DECKER  
CARS.



NORTH  
RAINBOW  
EXPRESS  
KINHA MODEL 183  
CAR 5200  
SERIES

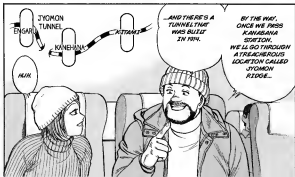
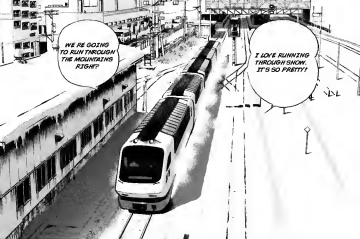
SEKIHOKU  
MAIN LINE  
SPECIAL EXPRESS  
"ONNOSUKI WIND"  
DEPARTING  
FROM KODANAI  
STATION AT  
15:00



ONE CAR IS A  
DOUBLE DECKER  
AND HAS A  
STORE AND  
A LOUNGE ON  
THE BOTTOM  
FLOOR.



THIS TRAIN  
WAS ESTABLISHED  
AS THE SIXTH  
JR HOKKAIDO  
RESORT EXPRESS  
TRAIN IN 1982.



THE WORKING  
CONDITIONS WERE  
SO TERRIBLE THAT  
MANY PEOPLE DIED.  
SOME PEOPLE WERE  
BURIED ALIVE  
WHILE STANDING -  
THEIR BODIES WERE  
DISCOVERED LATER.

THAT AREA IS KNOWN  
TO HAVE VERY  
HARSH WEATHER.  
WHEN THEY BUILT THE  
TUNNEL, THEY HAD TO  
USE CRIMINALS, TOO.

THAT'S  
SO SCARY!

東武東上線  
東武東上線  
東武東上線

0320 JYOMON TUNNEL

THERE ARE  
MANY  
SCARY TALES  
ABOUT  
JYOMON  
TUNNEL.

WAIT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING  
THAT THE  
TUNNEL  
IS  
HAUNTED?

THEY HAD A  
HARD LIFE  
BACK THEN.  
HAH.

I'M  
JUST  
KIDDING!

HA HA

RUMBLING...

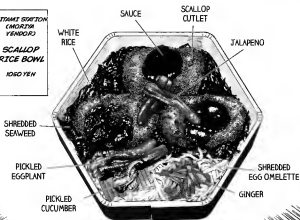
CAN WE  
STOP TALKING  
ABOUT THIS  
AND EAT  
EXTREMELY?

STOP IT!!!

**KITAMI SECTION  
(NORTH  
VENDOR)**

**SCALLOP  
RICE BOWL**

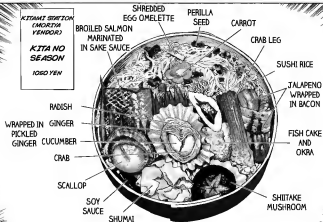
1050 YEN



**KITAMI SECTION  
(NORTH  
VENDOR)**

**KITA NO  
SEASON**

1050 YEN



MUNCH!







THIS IS  
WHY I LOVE  
SCALLOPS!

THE MORE  
I CHEW,  
THE BETTER  
IT TASTES...



I CAN  
TASTE THE  
GINJER  
TOO!

IT'S  
MARINATED  
IN SWEET  
SOY SAUCE AND  
IT'S SO TENDER!



HHMM...  
VERY DEEP  
FLAVOR!  
THIS GOES REALLY  
WELL WITH  
RICE!



HOW TO  
THE  
SALMON  
WITH  
SAKE  
SAUCE...



...HEY!



IT LOOKS  
WELL  
BALANCED  
TOO!

THIS BENTO  
HAS HOKKAIDO  
DELICACIES  
FROM BOTH THE  
SEA AND  
MOUNTAIN.



SINCE THE  
TRAIN IS  
RUNNING SLOW,  
I CAN EAT AND  
RELAX...

RUMBLING...







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